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OF THE  
SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THE  
ANNUAL SESSIONS

AT  
COLUMBIA, S. C.,

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# MINUTES.

COLUMBIA, S. C.,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, *November 13, 1872.*

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. H. R. Dickson, from 2 Cor. iv. 5: "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord."

On calling the roll, the following members were present:

## BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
S. L. Watson,	J. L. Adams,	Bethel.
J. H. Saye,	J. T. Drennan,	Fishing Creek.
Wm. Banks,	R. S. Wilson, (2)	Unity. [Forest.
A. A. James,	F. W. Eison, (2)	Grindal Shoals and Fair
J. Douglass,	J. F. Davidson,	Cedar Shoal.
J. S. Bailey,	Henry M. Banks,	Pleasant Grove.
H. R. Dickson,	S. R. Moore,	Yorkville.
W. W. Ratchford,	A. N. McNinch,	Olivet.
J. L. Wilson,	J. G. Lowry,	Zion and Bethesda.
J. H. Douglass,	Jas. Hemphill,	Purity.
D. Harrison, (2)*		
T. W. Erwin, (2)	Walter W. Brice,	Concord and Mt. Olivet.
J. M. Anderson, (3)	J. F. Workman,	Rock Hill and Ebenezer
R. E. Cooper, (3)		

## CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

George Howe, D. D.,	A. Crawford,	First Church, Columbia.
J. L. Girardeau, D. D.,	Thos. Stenhouse, (2)	Zion, (Glebe St.) Charles-
J. D. A. Brown,	Mortimer Glover,	Orangeburg. [ton.
P. Gowan,	Dr. W. H. Wieman,	Harmony.
F. L. Leeper,	Jos. L. Stevens,	John's Island and Wad-
G. R. Brackett. (3)		[malaw.

\* The figures appended to the names indicate on what day of the session the members first appeared.

## HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
P. Pierson,	E. R. Plowden,	Brewington.
D. McQueen, D. D.,	Col. J. D. Blanding,	Sumterville.
S. H. Hay,	J. T. Hay,	Camden.
G. Morgan, D. D.,	Dr. J. B. Jennings,	Bennettsville.
J. A. Cousar,	A. F. Cousar,	Bishopville & Hephzibah.
J. G. Richards,	A. J. Chandler,	Concord.
James McDowell,	J. Blakely,	Manning.
H. M. Brearley,	J. Bookman,	Horeb and Lebanon.
W. A. Gregg,	Gen. W. L. T. Prince,	Cheraw.
E. H. Buist,	Col. H. D. Charles,	Darlington.
W. S. Plummer, D. D.,	J. P. Chase,	Florence.
W. W. Mills,	Thos. Lauderdale.	Salem, Little River.
J. R. Dow,	G. W. Cooper,	Salem, Black River.
N. W. Edmunds,	B. F. Kennedy,	Aimwell.
A. R. Kennedy,	Dr. Jos. A. James, (2)	Indiantown & White Oak.
W. T. Thompson,	Dr. D. R. Gregg,	Hopewell.
	W. W. Bradley,	Mt. Zion.
J. E. Dunlop, (3)	O. R. Thompson,	Seion, Winnsboro'.
	N. A. Bethune,	Pine Tree.
	Alex. McLean,	Turkey Creek.

## SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

J. L. Kennedy,	D. Stoddard,	Williamston. [ville.
E. T. Buist, D. D.,	L. B. Cline,	Washington St., Green-
S. Donnelly,	A. B. Towers,	Anderson, C. H.
John McLees,	Gen. James Gillam,	Rock. [el & Smyrna.
J. B. Hillhouse,	H. D. Boozer,	Gilder's Creek, Mt. Beth-
J. O. Lindsay,	E. L. Miller,	Nazareth.
R. A. Mickle,	J. M. Baxter,	Aveleigh, Newberry C. H.
W. F. Pearson,	W. W. Knight,	Carmel.
J. R. Riley,	Col. J. A. Leland,	Laurens.
Hugh McLees,	Carver Randall,	Hopewell, Pendleton.
W. P. Jacobs,	R. S. Phinney,	Clinton. [River.
A. P. Nicholson,	J. R. Cunningham,	Providence and Rocky
L. K. Glasgow,		
J. L. Martin,	R. H. Wardlaw,	Abbeville.
H. Strong,	Dr. R. E. Campbell,	Liberty Spring.
J. S. Young,	James J. McLees,	Roberts and Good Hope.
T. W. White,	G. B. Anderson,	Antioch.
T. C. Ligon,	J. E. Savage,	Fairview.
J. B. Adger, D. D. (3)		

## MINISTERS ABSENT AND CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

## BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers.*—L. W. Curtis, J. E. White.

*Churches.*—Allison Creek, Beersheba, Beth Shiloh, Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Carmel Hill, Douglas, Harmony, Hopewell, Catholic, Lancasterville, Mt. Tabor, Salem, Six Mile Creek, Waxhaw, Shiloh, Enoree, Unionville.

## CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers.*—W. States Lee, T. Smyth, D. D., E. Palmer, I. S. K. Legare, T. H. Legare, C. S. Vedder,\* W. H. Adams,\* Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

*Churches.*—Aiken, Barnwell, Beech Island, 2d Church, (Charleston.) Edisto Island, James Island, McClellanville, Mt. Pleasant, Stoney Creek, Walterboro', Wilton.

## HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers.*—W. M. Reid, J. L. Bartlett, J. L. Wilson, D. D., W. Brearley, H. C. DuBose, D. McDuffie.

*Churches.*—Beulah, Beaver Creek, Carolina, Centre Point, Cantyre, Elon, Great Pedee, Hermon, Kingston, Liberty Hill, Little Pedee, Lynchburg, Marion, Midway, Pisgah, Red Bluff, Reedy Creek, Union, Williamsburg, Fairhope.

## SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers.*—W. Carlile, W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, J. F. Gibert, Z. L. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, R. H. Reid, E. F. Hyde, John McKittrick, T. H. Law, D. E. Frierson, R. A. Fair.

*Churches.*—Bethany, Bethea, Bethel, Bethesda, Broadaway, Duncan's Creek, Friendship, Greenville, Honea Path, Lebanon, Little Mountain, Little River, Lodimont, Lisbon, Midway, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Zion, Nazareth (B. D.), New Harmony, Ninety-Six, North Pacolet, Pickens C. H., Rocky Spring, Shady Grove, Spartanburg, Upper Long Cane, Tugalo, Varennes, Walhalla, Warrior's Creek, Willington.

The Rev. J. O. Lindsay, of the South Carolina Presbytery, was elected Moderator; Rev. R. A. Mickle, Temporary Clerk, and Gen. W. L. T. Prince, Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., the Rev. Richard McIlwaine of the Synod of Virginia, and Coördinate Secretary of the Assembly's Committees of Sustentation and Foreign Missions, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. It was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to hear him on the subject of his committees.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the Rev. John Douglas, and the Rev. J. C. Williams, of the Synod of North Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion of Rev. Geo. Howe, D. D., it was ordered the hours of meeting during the present session of Synod be from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and that the last half hour of each day's session be spent in devotional services.

On motion of W. A. Gregg, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to hear the Presbyterial Narratives and Statistical Reports.

After prayer, Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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\* Excused for absence.

## THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. John McLees.

The minutes of the proceedings of the preceding day were read and approved.

The minutes of last year, on motion, were not read, 1,000 copies of the same having been printed and circulated among the churches.

Rev. D. Harrison and Rev. T. W. Erwin, of Bethel Presbytery, Dr. Joseph A. James, Ruling Elder from Indiantown and White Oak churches (Harmony Presbytery), Thos. Stenhouse from Zion, (Glebe street,) Charleston, and R. S. Wilson from Unity church (Bethel Presbytery), came into Synod, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, of the Lutheran Church and Agent of the American Bible Society for South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Moderator then announced the following committees, to-wit :

*On Bills and Overtures.*—Rev. H. R. Dickson, Rev. J. R. Riley, and Gen. W. L. T. Prince.

*On the Judiciary.*—Rev. E. T. Buist, D. D., Rev. D. McQueen, D. D., and Hon. J. Hemphill.

*On Narrative.*—Rev. J. D. A. Brown, Rev. A. P. Nicholson, and Elder J. F. Workman.

*On Theological Seminary.*—Rev. P. Pierson, Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, and Elder J. R. Cunningham.

*On Finance.*—Elders A. B. Towers, A. F. Cousar, and James L. Stevens.

*On Presbyterial Records, to-wit :*

*Bethel.*—Rev. W. A. Gregg, Rev. F. L. Leeper, and Col. J. A. Leland.

*Charleston.*—Rev. E. H. Buist, Rev. J. S. Young, and Elder H. M. Banks.

*Harmony.*—Rev. J. H. Saye, Rev. P. Gowan, and Elder R. S. Phinney.

*South Carolina.*—Rev. W. W. Mills, Rev. A. A. James, and Elder W. H. Wieman, M. D.

*On Minutes of the General Assembly.*—Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., Rev. S. L. Watson, and Maj. J. M. Baxter.

*On Devotional Exercises.*—Rev. G. Howe, D. D., Rev. J. G. Richards, and Elder A. Crawford.

*On Leave of Absence.*—Rev. J. R. Dow, Rev. James Douglas, and Elder Carver Randall.

A communication in regard to Davidson College was presented, read, and referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. L. Kennedy, Rev. E. H. Buist, Rev. T. W. White, with Elders Col. J. A. Leland and T. Stenhouse.



Cheraw was then chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod, and the time was fixed for the last Wednesday in October, 1873, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, it was resolved that in all elections before this body the result shall be determined by a *majority* and *not a plurality* of all the votes cast.

The order of the day having now arrived, Narratives and Statistical Reports from the different Presbyteries were read. The Narratives were referred to the Committee on the Narrative; the statistical reports were referred to the Stated Clerk of Synod. The statistical reports are as follows:

*"Bethel Presbytery"* reports to the Synod of South Carolina, 16 ministers and 34 churches; and has under its care 1 licentiate and 9 candidates for the ministry. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. William Banks and the church of Waxhaw, and installed him pastor of Unity church. It has organised one new church in Union county called Enoree, and has transferred Hephzibah church to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, Synod of North Carolina."

D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

*"Charleston Presbytery"* consists of 14 ministers and 16 churches. It has under its care 1 licentiate and 1 candidate for the ministry. During the past year it has licensed Mr. C. E. Chichester to preach the gospel. It has organised and placed upon the roll one new church, that of McClellanville, S. C. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William States Lee and the church at Edisto Island. It has dismissed Rev. John T. McBryde to the Presbytery of South Alabama. It has received from the Presbytery of Augusta the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D."

W. H. ADAMS, Stated Clerk.

*"The Presbytery of Harmony"* is composed of 23 ministers, 43 churches and 9 candidates. The pastoral relation between the Rev. P. Pierson and the Midway church; the Rev. W. B. Corbett and the Salem (L. R.) church; the Rev. W. M. Reid and the Mt. Zion church, at their request, and with the concurrence of their respective churches, has been dissolved. Rev. W. B. Corbett has been dismissed to the Mecklenburg Presbytery, N. C. Licentiate Wm. T. Thompson has been ordained and installed pastor of Hopewell church. Candidate A. Ross Kennedy has been licensed, ordained, and installed pastor of Indiantown and White Oak churches. H. C. DuBose has entered on his work as a Foreign Missionary to China. One new church has been organised under the name of Fairhope, in Darlington county."

WM. ALEX. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

*"The Presbytery of South Carolina"* reports that it consists of 30 ministers and 55 churches, and has under its care 7 candidates for the Gospel ministry. It has dismissed Rev. D. McNeill Turner, D. D., to Mecklenburg Presbytery, N. C., Rev. Hugh McLees to Bethel Presbytery, Rev. W. P. Gready to Augusta Presbytery. It has dismissed licentiate J. M. Robinson to the care of the Presbytery of Central Texas; and ordained and installed T. C. Ligon pastor of Smyrna, Gilder's Creek, and Mt. Bethel churches."

R. A. MICKLE, Stated Clerk.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Girardeau, it was made the order for 7½ o'clock P. M., to consider the subject of Domestic Missions within the bounds of the Synod. Col. T. C. Perrin then, on invitation of Synod, read the report of the special committee, appointed last year, on "The Society for the Relief of Superannuated and Deceased Ministers and their families of the Synod of South Carolina."

Rev. J. H. Saye moved that this report be received and adopted.

Pending the discussion on this motion, Synod recessed from business for five minutes.

After recess Synod reassembled and came to order.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Presbytery of Harmony was directed to meet immediately on the rising of Synod this day.

The Rev. Manning Brown, and the Rev. J. D. Kirkland, of the M. E. Church, South Carolina Conference, and Rev. E. M. Green, of the Synod of Georgia, and the Rev. W. C. Smith, of the Synod of North Carolina, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion of Col. J. D. Blanding, the following message of greeting to the Synod of Georgia, now in session, was adopted, to-wit:

*"To the Synod of Georgia:*

*"Fraternal regards; with the wish that God's blessing may rest on your deliberations and labors.*

**"SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA."**

The order of the day was now taken up, when the Rev. Richard McIlwaine was heard on the subject of the Assembly's Committees of Sustentation and Foreign Missions; when, on motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the whole subject of Sustentation and of Foreign Missions was referred to the following special committees, to report at this session, viz.:

*On Domestic Missions.*—Rev. J. L. Martin, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. W. P. Jacobs, with Maj. J. G. Lowry and Dr. J. B. Jennings.

*On Foreign Missions.*—Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., Rev. H. Strong, Rev. J. S. Bailey, with Elders R. H. Wardlaw and J. F. Davidson.

The unfinished business was then resumed, and the report of the Committee on the Society for the relief of Superannuated and Deceased Ministers and their families, was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Synod then spent half an hour in devotional exercises, and took recess until 7½ o'clock, P. M.



## THURSDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

Synod convened. The Moderator invited Rev. Dr. Buist to preside, who then conducted the exercises of religious worship.

Members of Synod were then called upon to express their views on the subject of Domestic Missions.

The Rev. John I. Bonner, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Devotional Services reported that Rev. J. L. Martin would preach to-morrow night at 7½ o'clock.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, till 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

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FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, *November 15.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. H. Hay.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Rev. Professor J. M. Anderson, of the Presbytery of Bethel, Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., of South Carolina Presbytery, and Elder F. W. Eison, from the united churches of Grindal Shoals and Fairforest (Bethel Presbytery), came into Synod, assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled.

The committees appointed at the last meeting of Synod to raise supplies for the Theological Seminary, presented verbal reports of what had been done in the several Presbyteries.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Martin, Major J. M. Baxter was added to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Rev. J. H. Saye, from the Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported, recommending their approval; which was adopted.

Rev. J. L. Kennedy, from the Committee on the communication from Davidson College, presented the following report; which was adopted, viz.:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication from Davidson College would respectfully submit to Synod the following report, viz.:

It gives us much gratification to hear of the prosperity of the College, which we regard as among the first in the Southern States in point of the material good which it is now accomplishing for both Church and State; and most heartily would we commend it to the patronage of our ecclesiastical bodies, and to all who desire to educate their sons in literature, science

and morals, under those Professors who are known, and tried, to be of sterling qualifications in their respective chairs. Gladly would we have them realise their desire in regard to additional Professors, and the endowment necessary for their support.

Rev. Prof. J. M. Anderson was heard on the condition and prospects of Davidson College.

Rev. James E. Dunlop, of Harmony Presbytery, appeared in Synod, and rendering satisfactory reason for tardiness, was enrolled.

A letter from Rev. C. S. Vedder, of Charleston Presbytery, was received, assigning reasons for his absence, which was referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The publishers of the *South Carolinian* (newspaper) having placed in the hands of the Clerk forty copies of their paper for distribution among the members of the Synod, the thanks of the Synod were tendered to them for this courtesy.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs was heard in regard to the establishment of the "Thornwell Orphanage," at Clinton, Newberry county, S. C.

Whereupon, Rev. J. R. Riley offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Synod of South Carolina heartily approves of the proposition to establish the "Thornwell Orphanage" under the care of the Presbyterians of this State, and commends it to the Christian liberality of our people.

Rev. Wm. S. Plumer, D. D., from the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported that they find nothing requiring the attention of Synod except the resolution appointing Thursday, the 21st day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer.

The report was adopted.

Rev. W. A. Gregg, from the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery, and Rev. E. H. Buist, from the Committee on the Minutes of the Charleston Presbytery, reported recommending the approval of those records; and the reports were adopted.

Rev. G. R. Brackett, of Charleston Presbytery, came into Synod, and assigning satisfactory reasons for tardiness, was enrolled.

The Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod presented the following report, which was approved and referred to the Committee on Finance:

According to the order of Synod at its last meeting, one thousand copies of the Minutes of 1871 were printed and sent to the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries for distribution. A copy was sent for every

minister, ruling elder, and deacon in the Synod. The pamphlet, by order of Synod, contained an Appendix, with the names and Post Office address of all the *reported* ruling elders and deacons of the churches. Hence the number of pages and character of the work done greatly increased the cost of printing the Minutes.

The several sums assessed on the Presbyteries last year have all been collected and paid over, according to the order of Synod, amounting to \$200.

Paid Walker, Evans & Cogswell, for printing 1,000 copies of Minutes of 1871,	-	-	-	-	\$144.74
Paid on salary of Stated Clerk, for A. D. 1871,	-	-	-	-	55.26
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					\$200.00

Leaving a balance due the Stated Clerk, on salary, \$44.74.

Rev. J. L. Martin, from the Committee on Sustentation, reported, in part, and the report was adopted, as follows, viz.:

That a special committee be appointed to report on the "Invalid Fund" scheme; another on the "Relief Fund" scheme, and another on the Evangelist scheme; and that Ruling Elder J. M. Baxter be appointed chairman of this last committee.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report, the consideration of which was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., in connection with the usual religious services.

Ruling Elder A. B. Towers, from the Committee on Finance, made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Finance have considered all the matters laid before them. They find that the assessments made on the several Presbyteries at the last Synod, have been paid, amounting to \$200. As there was an increased number of pages in the Minutes of the last Synod, and the Appendix added, the amount raised was not sufficient to pay the expenses of Synod by \$44.74, which amount has been advanced by the Stated Clerk. Therefore, sufficient funds should be raised to pay the deficit, as well as the expenses of the present Synod. The Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be, and he is hereby, instructed to have at least 500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod printed in the usual form for distribution among the churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the following assessments be made, to-wit:

On the Presbytery of Harmony and South Carolina, each,	-	-	-	\$63
" " Bethel and Charleston, each,	-	-	-	42

And that the Treasurers of the respective Presbyteries collect the same and pay it over to the Stated Clerk of Synod at an early day.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

*On the Invalid Fund Scheme.*—Dr. McQueen, Dr. Girardeau, and T. Stenhouse.

*On the Relief Fund.*—Rev. G. R. Brackett, Rev. T. W. Erwin, and J. Hemphill, Esq.

*On the Evangelist Fund.*—Major J. M. Baxter, Rev. E. H. Buist, and Rev. J. McDowell.

It was then made the order of the day for to-morrow, at one o'clock, P. M., to receive the reports of these committees.

Rev. Dr. Howe, from the Committee on Religious Services, reported further, and the report was approved, as follows:

Rev. W. T. Thompson, preach to-night at half-past 7 o'clock.

#### SABBATH SERVICES.

*Presbyterian Church.*—At half-past 10 a. m., preaching by the Moderator, Rev. J. O. Lindsay.

Communion services conducted by Rev. Wm. Banks and J. H. Saye.

At half-past 7 p. m., sermon by Rev. G. R. Brackett. A missionary address by Rev. Dr. Adger, and a collection for Foreign Missions.

*Washington Street Methodist Church.*—At half-past 10 a. m., Rev. E. T. Buist, D. D.

At half-past 7 p. m., Rev. R. A. Mickle.

*Marion Street Methodist Church.*—At half-past 10 a. m., Rev. H. R. Dickson.

At half-past 7 p. m., Rev. A. R. Kennedy.

*Lutheran Church.*—At half-past 10 a. m., Rev. J. R. Riley.

*Ladson Chapel.*—At half-past 10 a. m., Rev. James McDowell.

At half-past 7 p. m., Rev. Peter Gowan.

*Baptist Church.*—At half-past 11 a. m., Rev. S. H. Hay.

Rev. Dr. Adger was excused from preaching the sermon on "Ministerial Consecration" at this session of Synod, according to appointment last year; and the appointment was continued for next year.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Howe, Synod held an Interlocutory meeting on the subject of the evangelisation of the colored people, after being led in prayer by Rev. Dr. Plumer.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Adger, the committee rose to sit again at 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Rev. R. E. Cooper, of Bethel Presbytery, appeared in Synod, and, assigning satisfactory reason for tardiness, took his seat.

After half an hour spent in religious services, Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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#### SATURDAY MORNING, November 16.

The Synod met at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. G. Morgan.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.



On motion of Rev. J. L. Martin, a paper offered by Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, on yesterday, and which was laid on the table, was ordered to be recorded in the Minutes. The following was the paper :

The Synod of South Carolina respectfully asks the General Assembly to transmit to the Presbyteries the proposition to alter section sixth of the twelfth chapter of the Form of Government, so as to read as follows :

Before any overtures or regulations, proposed to be established as Constitutional rules, shall be obligatory on the churches, it shall be necessary to transmit them to all the Synods, and to receive the returns of at least a majority of them, in writing, approving them.

The Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery reported, recommending their approval.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Adger, the Synod resolved, that it be made the order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M., on the second day of the next meeting of this Synod, to consider what can be done to prevent members of the Synod from obtaining leave of absence before the body has finished its business.

The appointed hour having arrived, Synod resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the evangelisation of the colored people.

On the rising of the Committee of the Whole, on motion of Dr. Adger, the order of the day was postponed for the purpose of finishing the consideration of the subject of evangelising the colored people.

Rev. Dr. Adger then presented a paper on this subject, which, on motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, was taken up for consideration, *seriatim*; and then, on motion of Dr. Adger, the paper as a whole was adopted, and is as follows :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod is glad to hear of any willingness among the colored people within our bounds to seek instructions from our ministers; and that all our ministers and all the members of our churches are hereby encouraged to engage earnestly, in every proper way, in the good work of promoting the knowledge of the gospel among these people.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, the way is clear, the General Assembly concurring, for our ministers to assist this people, in organising themselves into Presbyterian churches, separate from our Presbyteries, with the understanding that they may look to us for religious instruction, so far as we can furnish it, until God in his providence shall raise up competent ministers of their own, to lead them in the right way.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod, while expressing its own opinion in this form, is sensible of the desirableness of harmony of opinion and action in our whole church, and would, therefore, overture the General Assembly, at its next meeting, to reconsider the plan it recommended in 1869.



On motion of Dr. Adger, Synod resolved that this paper in reference to the evangelisation of the colored people, be sent to the editor of the *Southern Presbyterian and Index* for publication.

Synod then recessed from business for five minutes.

After the recess Synod reassembled, and proceeded to the order of the day for this hour—the consideration of the subject of Foreign Missions. Rev. Dr. Girardeau, from the special committee, read the report. Remarks were made by several members on the subject, and the report was adopted as follows :

The special committee on the subject of Foreign Missions beg leave to report the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod :

1. The Synod has heard with profound interest, the statements in regard to the work of Foreign Missions made by the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, one of the secretaries of the General Assembly, and has been deeply impressed, especially by the facts which he presented touching the contributions of the churches to this cause, during the past year. The Synod feels called to humble itself before God under a sense of shortcomings in relation to this great work, and to supplicate grace to devote itself with more earnestness to its prosecution for time to come.

2. That it is urged upon our ministers and churches regularly to observe the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

3. That our ministers and other office-bearers are urged to secure a wider circulation for the *Missionary* in the churches with which they are connected. It is important that all our members should be in possession of the information in regard to the work of Foreign Missions which that magazine conveys.

4. That it deserves the consideration of church sessions, whether the children in our Sabbath-schools should not be brought into closer connexion with the cause, and whether they should not be more immediately trained in the sense of its importance, and in the practice of steadily contributing to its advancement.

5. That it is again earnestly and affectionately urged upon all our ministers and church sessions to see to it that the people of Christ be carefully instructed in relation to their duties to the work of Foreign Missions, and that an opportunity be given them of regularly contributing of their means to its support. Other considerations apart, it becomes us to redeem ourselves, by the help of grace, from the reproach of comparative neglect to a cause which every instinct of a renewed nature impels us to advance, and which embodies in itself all the spiritual destinies of the nations, and the universal extension of the Redeemer's glory.

Synod then proceeded to consider the reports of the special committees on Sustentation, the scheme of the Relief Fund, the Invalid Fund, and the Evangelistic work, which had been made the order of the day for 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. L. Martin, from the Committee on Sustentation, then presented a report which was considered *seriatim*, and adopted as a whole; and then, on motion of Rev. Dr. Adger, Synod

ordered a copy of it to be sent to the office of the *Southern Presbyterian and Index*, with a request for publication. The following is the report :

The special committee on Sustentation would report to Synod, that having secured the appointment of three additional committees—one on the Invalid Fund, one on the Relief Fund, and one on the Evangelist Fund—the original committee has considered the subject of Sustentation proper, which embraces the supplementing of the salaries of ministers and the aid of feeble churches in erecting new houses of worship, or in repairing old ones ; and would recommend for adoption by the Synod the following resolutions :

1. That this Synod having heard the able, interesting, instructive, and stirring address of the Rev. Richard McIlwaine on this subject, does hereby express and record its devout gratitude to God for directing the General Assembly to his election.

2. That we earnestly commend the scheme to the hearty and liberal support of all our churches. Reminding them of the fact that the first Sabbath in January (or as soon thereafter as practicable) is the day set apart by the Assembly for the annual collection for this cause, we entreat our brethren to come up to the sanctuary on that day and present to the Lord a fitting New-Year's gift.

3. That in the judgment of this Synod, one great reason, perhaps the chief reason, of the feeble support of this cause, is to be traced to the want of adequate information respecting the object and work of the Sustentation Committee. Therefore, we urge upon all our ministers, ruling elders, deacons, and private members to make diligent efforts to obtain and diffuse more thorough knowledge respecting this cause.

4. We would reiterate the truth so forcibly presented by Mr. McIlwaine, that the Sustentation scheme is by no means to be regarded as a merely temporary expedient, but is of such a nature that its work will not be completed so long as God shall continue to extend the boundaries of the Church. When Presbyterianism can find no more territory to occupy, no poor amongst her membership, no feeble churches on her roll, then the Sustentation work will have been completed, because then the work of the church militant will have been completed, the end will have come—Christ will have come.

*Lastly.* We recommend to the various Presbyterian Committees of Domestic Missions within our bounds to appoint sub-committees at each of their county seats, and we recommend to each of these sub-committees to appoint a sub-committee in each church within their county ; thus there will be a direct and continuous line of communication from the Executive Committee of the General Assembly down to each individual church, through which line of communication information and impulse will pass and repass.

Rev. Donald McQueen, D. D., presented the report of the special committee on the Invalid Fund, which was adopted, as follows :

The design of the Invalid Fund is to relieve the pressing wants of superannuated and disabled ministers of the gospel, and of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. A cause like this, it would seem, should commend itself not only to the sympathies of the Church, but should call

forth liberal benefactions. The Synod, however, is grieved to hear that the churches, generally, within its bounds, have responded very meagerly. It is believed that our people are not fully apprised of the extent of destitution among this class of our brethren, or their relief would be more ample. Neither is it believed that their numbers are adequately known. Our hearts were made to swell with sympathetic emotion as the Co-ordinate Secretary of our Assembly represented so tenderly and faithfully the extreme poverty of many whose names were once influential in our Church, and whose usefulness was wide spread, but who are now living in obscurity under the decrepitude of old age or the ravages of disease, and the great destitution of those helpless widows and orphans whose principal dependence for a support ceased with the death of those who had consecrated their lives to the service of God in the ministry. The Secretary made the statement also, that, however strangely it might appear, it was a fact that our ministers generally seem to take less interest in this department of Christian benevolence than in others. It would be, if it has not already become, a burning reproach, if through indifference these helpless ones of Christ's flock should be permitted to die in abject poverty, and their widows and orphans subjected to the pinchings of hunger and the chills of nakedness. In view of these circumstances,

1. *Resolved*, That as a Synod we have heard with profound sorrow the statement made by the Assembly's Co-ordinate Secretary, of the insufficiency of the Invalid Fund, to meet the wants of those for whom it is instituted.

2. *Resolved*, That the Presbyteries constituting this Synod see to it that collections be taken up in this behalf, at the time appointed by the Assembly.

3. *Resolved*, That our ministers instruct the people faithfully as to the duty and importance of a much larger liberality in this direction.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, this report was ordered to be sent to the *Southern Presbyterian and Index* with a request for its publication.

Ruling Elder J. M. Baxter presented a report on the Evangelistic Scheme, which, on motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, was recommended with the addition of Rev. Dr. Howe to the committee.

Ruling Elder James Hemphill, from the Committee on the Relief Fund, offered the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Relief Fund would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

That the Synod of South Carolina has learned with pleasure that the number of ministers and churches necessary to put the Relief scheme into execution will be secured by the first of the next year; and would earnestly commend the cause to the attention of the churches.

Rev. P. Pierson, from the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

Your committee would recommend that the churches of the Synod raise to supplement the salaries of the Professors in the Theological Seminary, at Columbia, as follows, to-wit:

South Carolina and Harmony Presbyteries, each, \$400.

Bethel and Charleston, each, \$250.



And the committee also recommend the appointment of Rev. John Lowrie Wilson of Bethel, Rev. G. R. Brackett of Charleston, and Rev. J. O. Lindsay of South Carolina, to superintend the collection of the money in their respective Presbyteries.

On motion of Dr. Adger, the order of the day was suspended, and the Synod proceeded with its business.

The Committee on the Narrative then presented the following report, which was adopted :

Our churches have, with very few exceptions, been more or less regularly supplied with preaching during the past year. This has been accomplished in some of our Presbyteries by means of evangelistic labor, in others by requiring the pastors and stated supplies of the stronger churches to devote a part of their time to supplying the destitutions of the feeble and vacant churches. This latter plan, however, is open to the twofold objection, that while it is less efficient, and failures to meet their appointments are far more frequent on the part of pastors and stated supplies, thus discouraging weak congregations instead of building them up, it also fails to develop the strength of churches thus assisted and cultivate the spirit of self-help, without which they can never become self-sustaining. The longer churches are supplied with a gospel which costs them nothing, the harder it is ever to arouse them to a sense of the importance of making vigorous efforts to help themselves. And this Synod would regard it as a token for good if all our Presbyteries would avail themselves of the labors of efficient evangelists for building up their feeble churches and carrying the gospel into the regions beyond.

While there are, in the spiritual condition of our churches, many cheering indications of the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the means of grace used, thus inspiring the hope of better things to come, yet in others there are painful evidences that coldness and formality, in some instances, that even the spirit of worldliness prevails amongst those of whom we hoped for better things. Some of our churches seem to be in prayerful, hopeful attitude, receiving some tokens of mercy, and earnestly looking for more copious showers of divine grace, while upon a few others the Holy Ghost has descended with great power and harvests of souls have been gathered into the kingdom.

In nearly all our churches the lambs of the flock are cared for, being gathered into Sabbath-schools and Bible classes for spiritual instruction, though in some instances it must be confessed, these schools have only a languishing existence, and in others are altogether suspended during the winter months.

We rejoice to believe that our people are slowly growing in the grace of giving, both as regards the support of the gospel among themselves, and also in sustaining the benevolent operations of the Church, but very much yet remains to be done, before they attain to that high standard of liberality which is recognised in the Word of God, and with profound humility we would call attention to the fact that there are so many of our churches that contribute *nothing at all* to some of the Church's schemes of benevolence. And we would urge upon our ministers and elders the duty of giving greater diligence in securing contributions from *all* our congregations to each of these various objects.

The work among the colored people has been prosecuted only to a very limited extent, and that under very great discouragements. One of our

Presbyteries has four churches among them, organised under the Assembly's plan, and three or four other unorganised congregations which are regularly served by our ministers. One great difficulty in prosecuting this work has been an unwillingness on the part of this people to receive instruction from our ministers; but we note with gratitude the fact that there are some indications in some parts of our bounds, of a desire on their part now to receive such instructions. And we may express the hope that the day is not far distant when every barrier shall be removed out of the way which now hinders our ministers from proclaiming among them the unsearchable riches of Christ.

J. D. A. BROWN, Chairman.

On motion of Maj. Baxter, the Synod passed a unanimous vote of thanks to the citizens of Columbia for their generous hospitality towards the members, and to the various Railroad companies for diminished fare in transportation.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and adopted; and, on motion of Dr. Adger, ordered to be spread upon the Minutes:

Excused for absence from last meeting of Synod: Rev. H. M. Brearley and Rev. R. A. Fair.

Excused for absence from the present meeting: Rev. E. Palmer, Rev. D. E. Frierson, Rev. C. S. Vedder, Rev. W. H. Adams, Rev. R. A. Fair, Rev. T. H. Law.

Excused for absence after Friday night: Rev. S. L. Watson, Rev. W. P. Jacobs, Rev. Hugh Strong, Rev. T. W. White, Rev. J. L. Kennedy, Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, Rev. T. H. Legare, Rev. Prof. J. M. Anderson, Rev. J. S. Bailey, Rev. A. A. James, Rev. N. W. Edmunds, Rev. E. H. Buist.

Ruling Elders: Thos. Stenhouse, David Stoddard, W. W. Knight, A. B. Towers, H. D. Boozer, E. L. Miller, W. W. Bradley, E. R. Plowden, J. L. Adams, F. W. Eison, W. L. T. Prince.

Excused after 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday: Rev. J. R. Dow, and Ruling Elder George W. Cooper.

Major Baxter, from the Special Committee on the Evangelistic Work, again presented a report, which, on motion of Dr. Adger, was referred to the next meeting of Synod. (Report on file.)

On motion of Dr. Howe, the following resolution was adopted:

That Synod urge upon our churches the great necessity of generous contributions to the Evangelistic Fund of the Assembly, on the day appointed by that body, that the committee may be furnished with the means of a vigorous prosecution of the evangelistic work in our new and frontier settlements.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

After singing and prayer, Synod adjourned to meet at Cheraw on the last Wednesday in October, A. D. 1873, at 8 o'clock P. M.

J. O. LINDSAY, Moderator.

WM. BANKS, Stated Clerk.

P. O.—Fort Mill, York Co., S. C.



## APPENDIX.

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The special committee appointed by the Synod of South Carolina at its sitting at Anderson, November, 1870, and continued by an order of Synod at its sessions in Sumter, in November, 1871, to which was referred the "Report of the Synod of its Society for the relief of superannuated ministers," etc., beg leave to report as follows:

From an examination into the history of the Society, it appears that it was organised under the direction and with the approval of the Synod, and at the first had an independent existence, not subject to the control of Synod in any particular; but by subsequent action of the Society and Synod it has been taken into more intimate connection, and has been placed under the control of the Synod in its most important objects: the election of the officers of the Society being the most important functions withheld from the Synod.

The Society was incorporated by the Legislature of South Carolina, in 1854, under a perpetual charter, liberal in its terms, granting the right to take and hold real and personal estate to an unlimited amount, with power to make and amend its Constitution and By-laws at pleasure.

The objects of the Society are to raise and invest a sum of money sufficient out of the annual interest to relieve the wants and pecuniary distresses of the aged and infirm ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and their families, within the bounds of the Synod; and for such other benevolent purposes as may be thought worthy of support. The committee approves of the objects of the Society and its charter, and ventures to express the belief that with the change in the Constitution so as to give the election or appointment of its officers to the Synod, that it might be made to work well, and should receive the encouragement and support of the Church.

The committee have considered this Society as to its bearing upon the plan which has been proposed by the General Assembly of our Church for the support of the families of deceased ministers; and without undertaking to explain the scope, objects, and operations of the two schemes, the committee believe that the two do not conflict; but that both may exist at the same time. The aims of the Society are more comprehensive than the other, and it is proposed to accomplish their ends by different modes, so that both schemes may well deserve the favor of the Church.

The committee therefore recommend—

1. That the Society do alter its Constitution, as suggested in this report, and thereupon that the Synod elect annually the officers of the Society, and take it under its control.

2. That the Synod appoint a special committee with instructions to revise the Constitution of the Society, and that they report such amendments thereto, as in their judgment are proper to make it conform to the views herein expressed, and as shall be suitable and proper under the new state of things.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NOVEMBER 14, 1872.

THOS. C. PERRIN.

